

# Town Demolishes Zombie House in Selden

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**Farmingville, NY** – On September 19, Councilman Kevin LaValle (pictured) was at 18 Awixa Place in Selden for the demolition of a dilapidated, abandoned “zombie house.” The house, which has been vacant for over eight years, was a source of numerous resident complaints and Town building code violations. It was demolished by the Town in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code which provides a “fast track” to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. The cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner, and the Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and then they collect the money from the property owner.

Councilman LaValle said, “This house had been a dangerous eyesore in a very nice neighborhood with well-kept homes and has negatively impacted property values of every house nearby. Thanks to the assistance of the Town’s Law Department, this is the sixth demolition in my council district and I will continue to do everything I can to rid the community of these zombie houses.”

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